PATENT

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the submitted Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.78(c)(3)and enter the related Amendment after Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR §1.312. This amendment is believed to be needed to correct a defect in the chain of priority for the present application and to fully protect the invention. No additional search is necessitated by this action because the parent application in the chain of priority remains unchanged in this amendment.

No change has been made to the claims of the present application, and as such, they remain patentable. As noted in the accompanying Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority, the entire delay in filing the amendment to correct the defect in the chain of priority has been unintentional.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that after amendment to the chain of priority the claims are still patentable. No new matter has been added. Accompanying the Petition and Amendment is a check of \$1330.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t). Applicant respectfully requests the Petition and Amendment be granted and a notice of recordation for the amendment.

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